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THE NEWPORT MERCURY was established in June, 1784, and is now in its one hundred and twenty-third year. It is the oldest newspaper in the Union, with less than half a century to the oldest printed in the English language. It is a large quarterly of fifty-six columns filled with interesting reading—editorial, State, local and general news, well-selected literary and valuable farm and household information. Readings in many households in this and other parts of the United States given to advertising is very valuable to business men.

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Local Matters.

Electric Light Extinguished.

In the Board of Aldermen Tuesday evening Alderman Keul, chairman of the committee on Gas and Lamps, presented the committee's report on the question of introducing electric light in Newport. The report simply recommended that this proposition be submitted to the tax-payers: Shall the City Council be authorized to light the streets and public parks of the city with electric light? No statistics, prices nor other information accompanied the report, and the aldermen very properly declined to put so indefinite a question to the people, who would undoubtedly reject it in that shape. The matter was sent back to the committee.

It appears that the committee saw the lights in operation in Boston. It is calculated that one electric light will take the place of four gas lights, and for the territory covered will give three times the amount of illumination. The expense is about a quarter more than gas. The Fuller Electric Co. of New York, petitioned for permission to erect poles and wires in Newport, for electric lighting, and the petition was referred to the committee on Gas and Lamps. In view of the danger arising from the contact of the electric wires with other wires, City Solicitor Pauchant thought it doubtful if the City Council would grant this permission, and called attention to the fact that the General Assembly, has before it a bill requiring all electric lighting wires to be placed under ground. If this act becomes a law, such wires must go under ground, where it seems they belong.

If electric light is safe, reasonable in price, and of superior illuminating power, Newport will not decline it; but the people ask to be assured that these things are so, before voting to introduce it.

Board of Aldermen in Session.

The Board of Aldermen were in special session on Monday and Tuesday morning, to take action regarding the small pox case and sanitary matters generally. The members were unanimously of the opinion that no pains must be spared in guarding against a further spread of the disease. At the latter meeting the bill of David M. Barker, overseer of small pox, was allowed at the rate of \$3 a day for services, and his future compensation was fixed at that rate. The following persons were drawn as jurors to serve at the coming session of the Supreme Court: Grand—Edw. O. Rige, John R. Hammatt, Chas. E. White, Thomas James, Silas H. Hazard, Wm. H. Thurston; petit—Alvin A. Barker, Chas. B. Weaver, John J. Gladding, Geo. W. T. Melville, Henry F. Rooney, Peter McLean, Jas. E. Mauran, Job Sloman, Bernard McDermott.

Repairing the Highways.

Because of a disagreement between the two boards over the extra amount to be appropriated for streets and highways, the City Council adjourned Tuesday evening without making any appropriation at all. The Aldermen wanted \$30,000, and the councilmen, \$50,000. The highway appropriation is reduced to \$9,000, and certain thoroughfares, prominently Bellevue avenue, must be put into proper condition before the season opens. The necessary amount must be appropriated, although the street department has spent a large amount the past year. It had been hoped that all the departments would this year keep within their appropriations, but the highway department proves an exception. It is probable that a special council meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next, to decide on some appropriation for highways.

This Statement Endorsed.

One of the new life-saving stations provided for by Representative C. H. Smith's bill ought to be placed on the Rhode Island coast, at Brenton's Point. This is a dangerous spot on our coast, very near the route of the Fall River and New York line of steamers.—Prov. 77.

If the petition, being universally signed in this city and State, is headed, the station will be placed as recommended above. It is certainly urgently needed.

Among the members of the class graduated on Tuesday evening from the medical department of the University of New York, we notice F. D. Foote, C. F. Barker and F. T. Rogers, of Rhode Island. Mr. Rogers received a prize of \$500 for highest general scholastic standing.

It is stated that Rev. Angelo Canoll will probably not be re-appointed to the pastorate of the First M. E. Church at the coming conference. The city as well as his church will be a loser, for he ranks among the best of Newport's preachers.

Senator Anthony has our thanks for a copy of the Agricultural Report for 1880, just issued.

The first public school was established at Newport, August 20, 1640.

Judge Jas. A. Greene died at his residence on Spring St. at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

What does Newport want of a board of

FUNERAL OF DR. KING.

An Imposing Service at Trinity Church.

The funeral of the late Dr. David King was solemnized yesterday at half past twelve o'clock from Trinity church. The edifice was nearly filled with an audience including Newport's foremost citizens, who thus testified their respect to the memory of so honored townsmen. Among the many present were ex Gov. Chas. C. Van Zandt, Lieut. Gov. Henry H. Fay, Mayor S. P. Sloane, Rev. Dr. Thayer, Col. Francis Brinley, Dr. Mathew Greene. There were also present others of the Newport Historical Society, Redwood Library and the Society of the Cincinnati. The physicians who attended Dr. King—Dr. Wm. H. Brickhead and Dr. J. P. Curley—were also present. The beautiful service of the Episcopal church was rendered with unusual solemnity, by Rev. Mr. Magill, assisted by Rev. Mr. Moran. The selections by the choir were touchingly sang. The coffin lid bore the inscription:

DR. DAVID KING,
Born May 12, 1812,
Died Feb. 7, 1882.

The only floral offering was a cross of ivy leaves and lilies of the valley. The funeral cortage was long and imposing. The bearers were Hon. Wm. P. Shipfield, Hon. G. H. Calvert, Mr. Jas. E. Mauran, Dr. H. R. Storer, Mr. Thos. R. Hunter, Prof. William Gammon, Dr. Henry E. Turner, and Col. William Gilpin.

DR. DAVID KING.

Dr. King was the son of the late Dr. David and Ann Gordon King. His father was a native of Raynham, in Massachusetts, and his mother a daughter of General George Gordon, of the revolution. Dr. King was born in Newport in 1812. He attended the celebrated school of John Frazer, graduated with high distinction from Brown University in the class of A. D. 1831. Dr. King was a classmate in college of Professor Wm. Gammon. He studied medicine at one of the medical schools in Philadelphia. He married Sarah Wheaton, the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Wheaton, long the rector of Trinity church in Newport, and granddaughter of Bishop Duhon, of South Carolina. After his graduation Dr. King visited Europe, with the view of improving his knowledge in his profession. He was a scholar of rare attainments, courteous and gentlemanly in his manner, a physician of great practical and theoretical knowledge, who at all times maintained his position in the front rank of his profession, and above all, so far as could be discovered by those who knew him best, he kept himself "up-to-date from the world." Kind, gentle, and conscientiously faithful in the performance of all his duties in life, his modesty surprised that of women, and this gave to him an appearance of timidity, but it was only an appearance, for whenever an occasion arose when it was necessary that he should assert himself, he was as bold as a lion. He was faithful to his friends, kind to the poor and charitable towards everybody. He knew many of Newport that any man who deserved him. He was sincerely devoted to the advancement of the interests of the city and its people, and would have written a history of Newport, if he had felt confident that he knew every important fact attainable about that history. Dr. King was a very industrious man; when not actively engaged in his profession, he was employed in the large and valuable library he had gathered about him, adding to his eminent qualifications to discharge his professional duties, and when he took a respite from these, as a recreation he was engaged in solving some problem of our local history. He never engaged in any small talk or gave attention to trifles, or wasted his time with idlers; he was in all things a real, earnest and true man; he was genial and a most enterprising conversationalist to those who were congenial to him, and the more interesting because his conversations were always attractive. Thousands of our people will regard his death as that of a distinguished citizen, but no doubt some of the numerous societies to which he belonged will take adequate measures to prepare a memorial which shall preserve a record of his virtues and do justice to his memory.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Young Men's Christian Association.

The fifth annual meeting of the association was held on Monday evening. The elected address of the president, Wm. B. Franklin, showed an attendance of 11,500 at the 52 public meetings held during the year, of 300 at 10 Thursday evening prayer meetings and of 300 at 36 missionary meetings in the country. The association is in good working condition. The bills to date are paid with a balance in the treasury. The rooms in the Narragansett building have been leased for two years more. It is proposed to engage a general secretary, with special experience in the work, to devote his whole time to this association's work. Officers for the year were elected as follows:

President—Wm. B. Franklin.
Vice President—Edw. D. Jones, Jr., Chas. T. Paddock.

Secretary—Gardiner B. Reynolds.

Treasurer—Erasur P. Allan.

St. John's Homeopathic Association.

At the eighth annual meeting of the St. John's (Masonic) Mutual Beneficial Association on the evening of the 3d inst., the usual reports were received. The trustees' report should that during the year two members, James Fish and Edmund J. Townsend, had died; that the present membership is 165; that the deaths during the 8 years the society has been organized have been 23; that \$4,200 have been paid in benefits; that the permanent fund is \$457. Wm. G. Stevens, Robt. S. Franklin, Wm. H. Davis and Wm. J. Underwood were elected trustees to fill vacancies. The trustees organized by electing these officers: President, Joseph Irish; Vice President, Robt. S. Franklin; Treasurer, Lyman E. Blackman; Secretary, David Stevens.

Thames-street M. E. Sunday School.

At the annual meeting of the Sunday School of the Thames street M. E. church on Monday evening, the reports showed the school to be flourishing financially and numerically; the membership is 255. The officers elected are:

Superintendent—A. C. Thrus.
Ass't Superintendent—Abra. Scioam.
Secretary—Wm. Kilb. V. Glavin.
Treasurer—Miss Hattie V. Littlefield.
Librarians—Chas. H. Scioam, Maurice Albro.

Matthews' Guild of St. Thomas.

At the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Medical Guild of St. Thomas at St. Mary's Rectory on Monday evening, a scholarly address on the value of St. Thomas' doctrines to medical men was given by the Rev. Dr. Grace, who is a devout chemist. The officers for the year are: President—Dr. H. H. Slover; Chaplain—Rev. Philip Grace; Secretary—Dr. J. P. Curley. The Newport guild was established last September and its members are Catholico-physicians.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

A Dire Calamity Portended.

To the Editor of the Mercury—Sir:—Can it be that Newport is to have no polo this coming season? The absence of this most unique and exciting game would make the season a dreary blank to many. To be deprived of the pleasure of seeing a half dozen or more neatly attired gentlemen, from the dangerous height of a polo pony's back, reach perilously down, to rap the shanks of the pony standing next, in the vain effort to strike the contested wooden sphere, would be a sad loss.

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Poetry.

The Lover's Quarrel.

By Mrs. A. M. R. PLATT.

Want not quiet, whatever we do;
For if I was (but I was not) wrong,
Here are the tears for it, here are the fears;
What else has a woman to offer you?
Loves might not last for a thousand years,
You know, though the stars should rise no more.

Oh, you, you talk in a man's great way!
So, love would last though the stars should fall?

Why, yes. If it had to the grave indeed,
After the grave last on it may.

But—in the grave? Will its dust take heed

Of anything sweet—or the sweetest of all?

Ah, death is nothing! It may be so,
Yet, gnawing at least, death is death

(They look at the rose, and hear the bird);

Whatever is—it we must die to know!

Some time we may long to say one word.

Together—and find we have no breath.

Ah, me, how divine you are growing again!

How nobly more that the heavens are sure,

Whither too lightly you always fly

To hide from the passion of human pain.

Come, give that the earth is not secure

For this one night—and forget the sky!

Death.

There is a shadow standing by the cradle
Where sleepeth softly a beloved child;

It watcheth anxiously at the gayest feasting,

And mocks our laughter with its laughter

wild;

It standeth by our bedside, by our table,

And with its touch the present is defined.

It teems our faint attempts to be forgetful,

Blunting its keenest body at the dance,

Joining all our pleasures, shading them with

promise.

That soon he claims it will in truth ad-

vance.

We dare it for awhile then pray in anguish

That it will have to throw its poisoned

ince.

And yet it doth defer its blow. Ah! surely

Those have the best that follow it the first.

For shall they never see their dearest perish?

Going one's self is surely not the worst;

'Tis those who live beyond their best and

dearest.

Who really feel that death's a thing acquired.

Home.

By OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Yes, home is sweet and yet we needs must

sigh,

Reaches until our longing souls have found

Some realm beyond the world's narrow

bound.

Where slipped ease and sleepy comfort lie,

Some fair ideal form that cannot die.

By age dismasted and by chance unrown-

ed,

Else life creeps circling in the self-same

round.

And the low ceiling hides the lofty sky.

Ah, then to these our faint heart return;

Dear mother, Alma, Casta—sisters, kind!

The sacred walls a larger home we find,

And still for thee thy wandering children

yearn.

With unyielding fire thine altars burn

Where all our holed memories rest en-

shined.

Misery.

By SARAH O. JEWETT.

You walked beside me, quick and free;

With lingering touch you grasped my hand;

Your eyes looked laughingly in mine;

And now—I cannot understand,

I long for you, I mourn for you.

Through all the dark and lonely hours,

Heavy the weight the palmer lifts,

And cover silently with flowers.

Harper's Magazine.

Selected Tale.

THE POSTMISTRESS OF DUTCH FLAT.

A WESTERN ROMANCE.

In February, 1879, a through Pacific train crept slowly eastward through one of the severest storms of that exciting winter. A conspicuous part of the human freight was made up by a ministerial band. It was Sunday, and the manifestations of anxiety and discomfort among the passengers increased as they listened to the groaning of the engine and beheld themselves plunging helplessly into the early shadows of a long night. An hour or two after dark the train suddenly stopped. Outside there was a hoarse murmuring of voices, a weird shadow dance of lanterns and then the conductor entered, his features being hardly discernible in the rough folds of his great storm cloak.

"Gentlemen," he said, "you might as well get into comfortable shape for the night. We are on the up grade at Dutch Flat, and snow-bound."

This induced a series of low whistles, a few positive apostrophes, and a brief continuation of natural queries and responses. How long would it last? When would relief come? and, "See here, gentlemen, who discovered Dutch Flat before we did?"

"Dutch Flat's all right," said a giant Californian in a confident accent. "We know Dutch Flat, boys, for twenty year!"

A fat passenger who formed an elegant tableau in an attempt to stretch his carcass over the surface of two seats now said, "Dance take Dutch Flat?"

The big native allowed the bilious outbreak to pass unheeded. He continued:

"It's certain, gents, that under the circumstances this train has done the best it could. This is one of the oldest camps in the Sierras, and I reckon on one of the richest. Since Colonel Gage opened house here—I know the coal when he first came from Missouri—I've heard it said that better accommodations this side of Chicago were as scarce as Modocas on a scalp hunt. I wonder if a fellow could get down the hill to-night?"

As he passed out of the car the awful force of a wicked gust sent a violent shudder from end to end. After a while the storm seemed to subside.

somewhat and bed making commenced in earnest. The fires were coaxed into assuming the reddlest of complexities, the good-natured element indulged in parting jests, and even the ministerial quartette joined in softly singing a sweet good-night refrain. The echo of the song mingled with the sobbing of the wind and in the strange conflict hushed all other voices. When at length the misery of the unfortunate had its ugly mask behind the universal courtship of slumber, the tempest died from sight and sound, and all was calm again.

Morning at Dutch Flat meant a multitude of things. When our passenger-prisoners went forth from their narrow cells and scattered about on the gigantic panorama of snow, they noticed an exceptional stir in the half-buried settlement below. Another train was in the blockade just beyond the station, and besides this many local disasters necessitated immediate work. Dawn had scarcely appeared when the conductor tooted up the mountain from the Flat in company with the big Californian. The former officially announced that he could give no promise of escape that day, and the motley crowd, with almost a show of gaiety, struggled irregularly down to where the village lay in the miniature canon. The Californian took Manager Frohman by the arm.

"There's a big excitement on the Flat to-day," he said, in a serious tone, and then, as if to himself, he muttered, "It's bad; it's bad!"

The manager glanced up and around

and saw a flush of sunlight on a score

of surrounding peaks. "The storm," he remarked with satisfaction, "seems quite at an end."

"Oh, it's not the storm," answered the other. "It's not the snow, nor

the blockade, nor the buried mines, nor such as that. It's not in particular the people on the Flat here—it's Cherry."

"Cherry?"

The giant studied the inquiring

look on his companion's face.

"Before you pass under the roof of that house yonder," he said at length,

"I want to tell you a story. Treat

it like a little white-faced woman there is a sister served you or—a queen."

Cherry Gage was not the colonel's

daughter—everybody knew that—but

since she was a baby wife he has been

her father by the law of protection

and love, and every man on the Flat

to-day stands ready to take his place."

"You mean that he is—"

"Dead? If the Sierras there don't

give him back to us to-day—yes,

The story's not a long one. This was

to have been her wedding morning.

Do you see away to the south there—

twenty miles or more—where the gorge

looks darkest now against the sky?

Well, that's Amaranth; that's where

she lived—her lover, you know.

No matter about him now. He was a

true good fellow, and the colonel had

a right to be proud of him, and so had

she and so had all of us. He was from

Missouri, too, and, if I recollect, his

father and the colonel were partners

in the war. Everyone hereabouts

knew about the wedding, and when

four days ago the colonel went away

to bring the bridegroom, the Flat

scrapped up its gayest social logs and

sat down to wait. Poor Cherry! The

wail agent and his horses from Am-

aranth reached her Saturday at night

fall. The storm had settled down to

work, and from the very teeth of death

the poor chap was dragged bleeding.

Five hours before he had passed the

colonel's party at the entrance to King

Gulch. Across the path at a dangerous

turn one of the horses lay with a

broken limb. The men were making

slow work of it when the agent rode

ahead and lost them from sight.

Even then the sky was growing dark

and in an hour the snow was falling.

I've known these storms from boy-

hood up, and if they struck its fury in

King Gulch that night, God help them!"

The travelers every one caught the

spirit that hung so heavily over all

and marked in silence the product of

its working. They wondered now at

the deserted streets until they learned

that searching bands had well nigh

drained the populace. "Gage's Place"

was by all odds the most majestic of

the town's institutions. There was a

commendable attempt at modern in-

novations but it was not pronounced

enough to combine unpleasantly with

the typical background of blue shirts.

Here the minstrels, loitering for the

moment, labored to show a correct re-

gard for the somber shade of prevail-

ing circumstances. The picture which

they studied most was formed about a

wee domain of ostentatious appoint-

ments. A governmental impressiveness

rested upon a variegated batch of

stationery, two brief rows of cubby-

holes and a blue lettered evidence that

the postal interests of Dutch Flat

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The Newport Mercury

John T. Barber, Editor and Proprietor

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1861.

Secretary Folger will soon issue another call for bonds.

The City Council of Chattanooga has issued an order for the destruction of the English sparrows. Newport should do likewise.

The Congressional committee has decided that Washington Territory may come into the Union and that Dakota may remain outside.

Bismarck is urging on the German Parliament a tobacco monopoly bill, but promises a net profit to the government of 100,000,000 marks.

Providance proposes to have direct communication with Europe by steamship—a worthy plan, and characteristic of the energy of our sister capital.

"The Iowas' Islanders pattern their campaigns after the size of the State. The contest may be three weeks long." All this from the New York Tribune.

The Prohibitory State Central Committee met in Providence on Saturday, talked over the political situation, and, without action, adjourned until to-day.

Hon. Henry B. Anthony, senior Senator from Rhode Island, visited both Houses of the legislature on Thursday, and received quite an ovation from his many friends.

The Republican State Convention will be held in Slade Hall, Providence, on Thursday, the 16th inst., and the Democratic, at the same place on Wednesday, the 22d inst.

Ex Senator Conkling has declined the Associate Justiceship of the United States Supreme Court. It appears that there is at least one man in this country too large for office.

License is attracting much attention in Massachusetts. Of 80 towns, 23 have voted for license and 63 against it. In the popular vote, the majority against license was nearly 50 per cent.

The oldest inhabitant is a squaw living in the outskirts of Carson, Nev., and said to be nearly 100 years old. Her grandson, at the age of sixty, was one of General Fremont's guides when he crossed the plains.

Is there to be no limit to this penance business? Thirty thousand citizens of Indiana, Illinois and New York, have signed a petition urging the passage of the bill granting pensions to Union soldiers and sailors of the Rebellion, who were confined in Confederate prisons.

Senator McConnel, of New Jersey, is preparing a bill for the abolition of all the navy yards except those at Brooklyn, Pensacola, and Mare Island on the ground that when we have no navy the others are not needed. Has New London been heard from? We listen for its accustomed wail.

Affairs in Ireland.

Mr. Foster, Chief Secretary for Ireland, made an important address to the people of Tullamore, Ireland, on Monday. He declared the purpose of this tour to be a personal examination of the country to see the true condition of the people. He said he was sorry that he had found the stories of outrages to a great extent correct. He believed that the people had it in their power to put an end to these outrages.

"Those who commit the outrages," he continued, "are broken down men and violent, reckless boys. Whether you stop them or not it is the duty of the government to do so. It is especially my duty to stop them. We will. The instigators of outrages have several powers to contend with; namely, the Irish government, though perhaps they think they can defy that also—the imperial government, and the people of Great Britain. There may be bad landlords, but that does not excuse the burning of houses, the torturing of animals, the killing of men." He assured his hearers that there is no ill feeling in England towards Ireland. "We know that you have been a miserably and badly governed country, and that the English government in past days has done many cruel and unjust things to Ireland. We wish to undo that and to make you prosperous, rich and powerful as ourselves; but we view these terrible outrages and hardly know how to do so." Mr. Foster made the just statement that as soon as the outrages have ceased, and men are no longer ruined, maimed or murdered for doing their duty, the prisoners will be released.

Mr. Foster's address, we take it, very fairly represents the attitude of the British government and people towards Ireland. While expressing his readiness to aid Ireland, Mr. Foster says that the present rigorous course must be followed, until the outrages cease. It therefore rests upon the Irish to bring about better things. The British government offers to meet them half way. If they decline, they must expect martial law. Great Britain is strong and stubborn, and she will not yield her just and just claim to rule Ireland, and to rule with an iron hand if necessary. Meanwhile the general condition of Ireland is improving, and the people are less agitated. It is pleasing to note that the farmers in the interior counties are all more busy than for years.

Paying Postal Service.

In 1861, in proportion to population, the following States gave per capita the following amounts in money to the Post Office Department in excess of expenditures. In all the other States the postal service did not pay expenses. Rhode Island, it will be observed, ranks second in this list of States whose postal service is a profit to the government:

Massachusetts	51 cents
Rhode Island	44 "
New York	42 "
Connecticut	39.5 "
New Hampshire	37.5 "
Pennsylvania	36.1 "
Michigan	31.7 "
Delaware	30.2 "
New Jersey	29.5 "
Mississippi	28.4 "
Illinois	28.0 "
Wisconsin	26.6 "

The Sprague affairs are one peg nearer an apparent settlement. The Supreme Court decided on Wednesday that the estate shall be sold in bulk by the trustees and assignee Chafee, upon open competition by proposals for purchase. A few days ago Messrs. Wilbour, Jackson & Co. offered to start the bidding for the property at \$2,800,000, taking the title as Mr. Chafee could give it, with the risk of further adverse legislation.

A hard-to-believe story comes from Salt Lake. It is that Brigham Young is not dead. The body buried as his was that of another fellow. The real Brigham is hiding his time. When the affairs of the Saints get into desperate straits, he will emerge from his hiding-place and call his disciples to arms. The common people will believe he is resurrected from the dead, and will unite with holy zeal under his leadership.

A bill before the General Assembly provides that members of militia companies whose term of enlistment has expired, may re-enlist for one, two or three years. The present law provides for only one term, that of three years. It is believed that many persons would re-enlist for a short term, who would retire altogether from the service if compelled to take three years or nothing.

William N. Sherman, of East Greenwich, died the 2d inst. in Rutland, Vt., aged seventy-three years. Mr. Sherman was the founder of the Patriot, and subsequently started the East Greenwich Pendulum, which he conducted for many years. Mr. Sherman was a plain, upright, courageous man.

Paymaster S. D. Hurlburt, of the navy, has been sentenced to suspension from duty for five years, on three quarantines, for conduct unbecoming an officer. We fail to see anything very savorous about this. The officer can take his ease, with nothing to do for five years except to draw his pay.

The Hartford Courant says the Thames river bridge controversy is ended, for this session of the Assembly, at least, by the acceptance of the compromise, which practically places the matter in the hands of a board of U. S. officers.

If the order of the New York Senate is obeyed, the public will soon know the amount of dividends and taxes paid the past six years by the Wagner Car Company, its capital and who owns it.

The people of Iowa are to vote on a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. With the example of Kansas before them, the Iowans will likely adopt prohibition.

The seventeen-year-old wife of the Chinese minister at Washington is described as picturequely pretty. She is studying English, occupying herself in her strict retirement with this and with her curious life.

The missing mayor of Adrian, Michigan, has turned up in Mexico, where he sensibly proposes to stay. His financial "crookedness," he indicates, was shared by a number of other Adrianites.

A bungling Boston man named Charles Cunningham threatened to burn the Parker House or to shoot Mr. Parker if \$25,000 was not placed in a bag and sent to him. He has been arrested.

Edward A. King, of Boston, 30 years old, for twenty years baggage-master on the through Shore Line trains, was found dead in a bunk in his car in New York Thursday morning.

Four thousand strikers were away the laborers and police at the Burlington and Missouri grading work at Omaha Wednesday. Labor is rampant.

Messrs. George Howland, Jr. and Matthew Howland have retired from the New Bedford whaling business after a long and successful career.

An old clerk in the Fourth National Bank of New York confesses that his official mail has been intercepted and opened by officers of the Christian government.

The latest advice concerning Sen. Bee Hill indicates that his conduct is practically hopeless.

One of the Wall streets sensations this week is an absurd story that Gen. Grant has failed.

The anti-Chinese bill passed the S. Senate, Thursday, by a vote of 27 to 12.

Philadelphia granted 300 out of 1354 Everett's asked for last year.

The accounts from the South and Southwest grow worse instead of better. The area over which rain has fallen within the last forty-eight hours includes the territory from the Ohio river to the Gulf and from the Atlantic to Texas. In some parts of this territory, as at Nashville, the rain has been exceedingly severe. The Cumberland river is rising; at Helena, Ark., the water has driven many into the scalded stories of the business houses, and everywhere there is desolation and desolation. Not only so, but it is now evident that the world will not be known for some time. Thirty-five hundred people in one county in Arkansas are dependent upon government aid. It seems as though the relief measures taken were not only wise, but effectively carried out.

Six chiefs of the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico are on their way to Boston by way of Chicago and Washington. The object of the trip is to enable the Zunis, who have a civilization similar to the ancient Toltec and Aztec, to perform a religious ceremony which can only be performed at the ocean. The ceremony in its minutest detail has been handed down from the past by tradition. It will probably be performed at Plymouth Rock. Mr. F. H. Cushing, of the ethnological bureau of the Smithsonian Institute, who accompanies them, has been adopted into the tribe and the highest religious order, and will take part in the ceremony.

Boston's sensation is a mysterious murder. The victim was Mrs. Harriet Bell, who lived on Kirkland street. Tuesday morning as she passed into the entry of her house, an unknown man followed her, stabbed her and escaped. She dragged herself into a room and was there found dead a few minutes after by her little daughter. The murderer was seen to pass through the street, but as the crime was not then known, he was not molested. All parties suspected have cleared themselves, and the case wholly baffles the detectives. There is no known cause for the murder.

David Navarro, the fat boy, weighing 730 pounds, died at Pittsburgh, Pa., Wednesday of small pox. Some weeks ago while he was in the Harris Museum, he fell in love with a Miss Cleundene, of Allegheny. She is a very pretty girl about sixteen years old, and returned Navarro's affections ardently. They were to have been married. But the parents of the prospective groom objected. The story got into the papers, and Navarro was so angry that he broke his contract and retired from the museum and soon after became ill.

A London manufacturer sends large quantities of perfumes and cosmetics to Asiatic countries.

At Racine, Wis., Oscar Wilde broke down while delivering his lecture before a very small audience.

We kill our rats when we remove from the human system whatever disengages the nervous system. The Peruvian Balsam relieves from subjection to the power of headache, sleeplessness and dyspepsia. They contain no opium or hurtful drug.

France has a mild sensation in the announcement by a Paris newspaper that a Russian spy has been arrested at the railway station of Brotteaux, a suburb of Lyons. A number of maps and plans of defensive works were found in his luggage. He stated that he was a captain in the German army.

To Promote a Vigorous Growth of the hair, use Parker's Hair Balsam. It restores the youthful color to gray hair, removes dandruff, and cures larding of the scalp.

Two buildings of the American Powder Co., at Acton, Mass., exploded Tuesday morning with a terrific crash.

For weak lungs, splitting of blood, shortness of breath, consumption, night sweats and all languishing complaints, Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Panacea" is a sovereign remedy. Superior to all other. By druggists.

Prof. Baird has sent 20,000 eggs of Maine salmon to Germany by steamer.

"FEMALE COMPLAINTS." Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.: "Dear Sirs—I was sick for six years and could scarcely walk about the house. My breath was short and I could not eat. My heart, my breast and stomach all the time, also from indigestion, and an internal fever, or burning sensation, and often frequent smothering and languishing. I also suffered from pain low down among my kidneys and in my back, and was unable to sleep. I have used your Golden Medical Panacea, and feel that I am well. Very respectfully, DELIA H. E. McMICHLAN, Arlington, Ga.

Allen Potter, of Washington village, committed suicide Monday.

"Wise Ritter," Mothers require it. Children buy it. Fathers buy it. Price \$1.00 per bottle. For sale by all druggists.

Fitz-John Porter's back pay, if he is reinstated in the army, will amount to \$115,000.

"BRAIN & NERVE." Wells' Health Balsam, greatest remedy for impotence, leanness, sexual debility, &c. \$1.00 druggist. Deposit, Hazard & Co., Newark.

A big snow storm in Wisconsin, Thursday night, was threatening another railroad blockade.

Thousands of ladies have found sudden relief from all their woes by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, the great remedy for disease peculiar to females. Send to Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, 335 Western Avenue, Lynn, Mass., for pamphlets.

"It's nobody's business" was telephoned from Gen. Butler's house, Sunday night, when a Boston newspaper desired to know if the general had taken Scoville's place as counsel for Gorham.

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Joseph Panoas, M. D., emeritus professor of Anatomy in the Jefferson Medical College, died in Philadelphia Tuesday, aged 77 years.

A GREAT BLESSING TO MOTHERS AND NURSES.

"Sister's Kiss" (Our Dr. Foster). This new theory and interesting discovery will be of interest to all. When a child is sick, or reaches with his teeth about his chin, simply rub the gums for two or three minutes with the "Kiss." When male it has a great relief, and female it has a great relief, and removes the cause of death. Depressed spirits, mothers who are given to nervous and hysterical fits, and to rheumatism, will find a large and forcible cure, surpassing all others. Dr. Foster's "Kiss" is the only method for children, teaching persons who should never be without it.

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NEWPORT COUNTY NEWS.

MIDDLETON.
REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.—The Republican electors of the town of Middletown are requested to meet in the Town Hall on Monday, March 13th, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention at Providence on the 13th inst., to nominate candidates for general offices.

WILLIAM PROKHAM,
Chairman Town Committee.

BLOCK ISLAND.

SAND.—The sand of Block Island is the black sand. This article is found in large quantities upon a stretch of beach lying along the northeast side of the Island. Formerly before blotting paper came into general use, it was gathered and shipped to quite an extent as blotting sand. Some sixteen years ago an enterprising person procured from the town a perpetual lease of this beach for mining purposes, and agreed to pay therefor an annual rental of \$16. This lease passed finally into the hands of a gentleman named McCotter, who has had large experience in mining matters in the far west. Within a year this gentleman has commenced to mine the sand upon an extensive scale, has erected dry-houses, store-houses, screens and separators, and has already shipped four large cargoes to New York. A fifth large schooner is now in the breaker-harbor prepared to take on board several hundred tons which is ready for shipment. This sand is said to be of an excellent quality and unlike other deposits along the shore of Long Island and Connecticut and Rhode Island. An analysis of it made in Philadelphia three years ago from a sample scraped up carelessly upon the beach gave 67 per cent. magnetic iron of pure quality. It is this magnetic iron which McCotter obtains by separation, and is sold and used as he sees for the manufacture of steel, and produces, as he furthermore says, a steel of superior quality. Mr. McCotter has not found his path smooth and easy since he made Block Island the field of his operations. First he was denied the privilege of carting his sand along what he and others claimed and supposed to be a highway. It was here and because of this that he was assaulted some months ago. Later the bathing houses upon the beach proved an obstruction and hindrance to his work, and Mr. McCotter has sought to procure their removal. Mr. Card, the owner and proprietor of these bathing houses, claims the right to retain them where they are, he having a lease of the beach for bathing purposes; so McCotter's lease for mining purposes, and Card's lease for bathing purposes, assume belligerent attitudes, and at the town meeting, Tuesday, the cases of D. G. McCotter and Mr. Card were referred to the next Council meeting.

TEMPERANCE.—J. N. Todd, representative of Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Good Templars, paid an official visit to Tuckish Lodge of Good Templars No. 18, on Tuesday evening, the 7th, to exemplify the work and to confer the degrees of Fidelity and Charity. He speaks in a very complimentary manner of the appearance and working of the lodge.

Major McClellan, Inspector of Life Saving Stations in this district, arrived at the island Tuesday. NIMICK.

TIVERTON.

TOWN COUNCIL.—At Monday's session of the Town Council bills amounting to \$485 61 were ordered paid. These included \$340 61 for clearing of snow. The matter of the Quaker highway was continued to the next regular meeting.

A reward of \$200 was offered for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who set fire to the school house in district number five or on about the fifth day of January. In relation to the Fogland beach highway, the petitioners, at their request, have leave to withdraw. The following persons were drawn jurors to the March term of the Supreme Court at Newport: Eli A. Hammond, Geo. W. Hambley, Grand; Peleg S. Stafford, David W. Simons, Joseph V. Borden, Peleg, Mrs. Annie M. Bowen, the petitioner regarding the depot road, was given leave to withdraw. Dr. Edward F. Simons was engaged as Town Vaccinator for the ensuing year, in accordance with his bid. George N. Durfee, Andrew H. Manchester and Asa Howland were appointed assessors of the Town Farm. Lyndsay F. Weston was appointed Keeper at the Town Asylum at \$650 for the year.

The will of Mark Pilkinton was presented and ordered recorded. Joseph Osborn was appointed guardian of the estate of John E. Manchester, board \$10,000, with satisfactory securities. Notice was ordered on the appointment of Abbie Bateman, administrator on the estate of William Pitt Bateman. The appointment of the guardian of Kesia Cook was continued for one month. Notice was ordered on the final account of Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, guardian of Andrew Sawyer. Annual account of George F. Nickerson, year past, was ordered allowed, and permission was given to invest the money in Massachusetts. Notice was ordered on the will of Joseph Tripp. The appointment of an administrator on the estate of Edmund Saeford was continued for one month. The final account of Abram Manchester, executors of the will of George E. Stanford, was allowed, after same was appointed custodian of the estate of William Saeford, board \$8000. Clark Eason and Abram Manchester securities. An inventory of the estate of Lemuel Manchester by the administrator, was returned recorded. The commission and report on the estate of Thomas Lakin was ordered allowed. Notice was ordered on the will of Thomas Lakin, Edmund Braginham, administrator. The annual account of Mary E. Parker, guardian of William E. Parker, and the inventory of the estate of Elizabeth W. Lakin and final account of Andrew and William E. Parker, administrator.

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A MYSTERY SOLVED.—James Linnehan, employed by Cyrus Blinn at Tiverton Four Corners, left his home in Fall River some six weeks ago, to return to his work, but was not heard of from that time, until he was found dead on the 2nd inst., in a field known as Tally Orchard, on the Shattoe farm, near the Fish road, by Dennis H. Grinnell, one of a searching party. Linnehan was lying face down by the side of a stone wall about 80 rods from the road, from which he had wandered, and the body had been mutilated by wild animals. The coroner's jury—John E. Manchester, Gardner Hambley, Joseph Hambley, Geo. W. Fish, Henry Fish and Green Tripp—rendered a verdict that Linnehan came to his death from exposure and cold.

PORSCMOUTH.
REAL ESTATE SALE.—Mr. Raymond F. Durfee of Fall River, has sold a tract of land situated on Sprague's lane, containing about three quarters of an acre, to Mr. Alfred Shattoe for \$75.

JAMESTOWN.
JURORS.—Wm. A. Champlin has been drawn a grand juror and Thomas Watson Carr a petit juror, for the March term of the Supreme Court.

LITTLE COMPTON.
OURTH.—Gen. Nathaniel Church, for many years a leading citizen of Little Compton, died Monday, aged eighty years. He has represented his town in both branches of the General Assembly and commanded for some time the First Brigade of the Rhode Island Militia. He was a lineal descendant of Col. Boult, church, the noted Indian fighter of early New England.

NEW ENGLAND ITEMS.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

In the House a bill authorizing the appointment of an inspector of dunes and reservoirs at a salary of \$1000, is before the Judiciary committee. A bill appropriating \$10,000 for completing and furnishing the Reform School building at Cranston, has been referred to the Finance committee. The Joint Select Committee, on the part of the House, on Woman Suffrage, comprises Messrs. Burtington, of Barrington, Bosworth, of Warren, Lee, of Pawtucket, Chase, of East Providence, and Arnold, of Woonsocket. A resolution has been passed in the House appropriating \$300 to each of the five agricultural societies in the State. There was no quorum in either House Monday.

On Tuesday the Senate passed an act increasing the capital stock of the Providence Telephone Co. from \$100,000 to \$200,000. In the House an act providing penalties for selling adulterated milk was referred to the Judiciary committee. Mr. Burtington reported back from the committee on Education, with a slight amendment. The Senate act providing for the election of school superintendents in the various towns by the school committee. It was made the special order for yesterday immediately after the reading of the records. The House passed a bill making the receiver and giver of a bribe for a vote at any election equally culpable. The act provides very stringent regulations against bribery.

In the Senate, Wednesday, the petition of S. Glancey Brown to build a wharf in Tiverton was referred to the Judiciary committee. An amendment by Senator Daye to the agricultural fair appropriation bill, inserting the Finance committee to report whether it is to be expected that the whole amount to be paid for one fair each year was adopted. The House defeated by a vote of 51 to 35 the bill giving guardians power to give a bill of sale with a mortgage.

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